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In re Application of)	Group Art Unit: 2194
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Filed: September 17, 2003)	<u>AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR</u>
For: MIDDLEWARE FILTER AGENT)	<u>CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)</u>
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Sir:

This amendment is a bona fide submission filed with the accompanying Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114.

AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.